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SUBJ: SITREP 33 - MANILA COUP ATTEMPT, AS OF 1815  
DECEMBER 4.

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: U.S. CITIZEN WOUNDED. CONTINUING FIGHTING IN  
MAKATI THREATENS ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL AREAS. AIRPORT  
OPERATIONS RETURN TO NORMAL. CEBU EVACUATION SUCCESSFULLY.

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ACCOMPLISHED. END SUMMARY.

3. CONSULAR SECTION HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT U.S. CITIZEN JEROME WEISBURG WAS WOUNDED IN THE ARM BY A GLASS WINDOW FRAGMENT AT THE MANILA PENINSULA HOTEL. A DOCTOR STAYING AT THE HOTEL PROVIDED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT INCLUDING A BLOOD TRANSFUSION, THEN WEISBURG WAS TRANSFERRED TO MAKATI MEDICAL CENTER.

4. OPERATIONS AT NINYO AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (NAIA) ARE RETURNING TO NORMAL (SEE SEPTEL). AT 1339, A UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT DEPARTED FROM NAIA. NORTHWEST 004 DEPARTED AT 1427 FOR THE U.S. WITH AMBASSADOR ELLIOT RICHARDSON. AT LEAST TWO PHILIPPINE AIRLINE FLIGHTS HAVE ALSO DEPARTED. RSO REPORTS THAT A CATHAY PACIFIC FLIGHT FROM HONG KONG AND KOREAN AIR LINES FLIGHT FROM JAPAN ARE SCHEDULED TO LAND.

5. TAGALOG RADIO REPORTS WESTERN POLICE DISTRICT ESTIMATES THAT ELEVEN MAKATI BUILDINGS ARE OCCUPIED WITH A HIGH OF 71 SOLDIERS TO A LOW OF 12, FOR A TOTAL OF AROUND 350. IT ADDED THAT AT LEAST 12 SNIPERS ARE IN EACH BUILDING. TAGALOG RADIO ALSO CLAIMED THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 1,000 GOVERNMENT FORCES IN MAKATI COMPOSED OF PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY (PC) SOLDIERS DRAWN FROM THE BATANGAS, LAGUNA, AND RIZAL PC COMMANDS AND TROOPS FROM CAPCOM, THE ARMY IN REGION IV, AND THE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OF THE AFP (ISAFP).

6. POSSIBLY REFLECTING THE UNCERTAINTY AND PROLONGED TENSION OF THE COUP SITUATION, EMBASSY RECEIVED A RUMOR LATER DISPROVED THAT REBEL CONTINGENTS CROSSED EDSA AND ENTERED DASMARINAS VILLAGE -- AN AREA IN WHICH A LARGE NUMBER OF EMBASSY FAMILIES RESIDE. THE DASMARINAS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION RESPONDED TO SUCH RUMORS BY ASKING FAMILIES, INCLUDING SEVEN U.S. OFFICIAL FAMILIES, TO RELOCATE FROM HOUSES NEXT TO THE DASMARINAS VILLAGE WALL FRONTING EDSA. IN SAN LORENZO VILLAGE, HOWEVER, RESIDENTS ACTUALLY HAVE VACATED HOUSES ALONG JUAN LUNA STREET, PARALLELING PASAY ROAD, AND GONE TO ASSUMPTION COLLEGE IN THE INTERIOR OF SAN LORENZO VILLAGE.

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8. AT 1500, AMBASSADOR PLATT COMMITTED 25,000 DOLLARS OF  
EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINE  
RED CROSS IN A CHANCERY CEREMONY.

9. AT 1715, WE RECEIVED WORD FROM AMCONSULATE CEBU THAT  
THE 15 BUSES HAD EVACUATED THE TOURISTS FROM MACTAN ISLAND  
TO CEBU CITY.  
PLATT

END OF MESSAGE

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